

## **REP. BECERRA: “LOOK BEYOND THE SWEET TALK OF POLITICIANS”**

WASHINGTON, DC—This week in Florida, Republicans held the inaugural conference of the Hispanic Leadership Network in an effort to court Latino voters. Today Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and senior member of the Ways & Means Committee, released the following statement in reaction to Republicans’ latest attempt to make up with Latinos after years of abuse.

**“As a father, I look beyond the veneer when someone is courting those who are dear to my heart. Latinos, too, will look beyond the sweet talk of politicians before deciding to go out on a date. Actions count, and let me count the ways that Republicans have made it clear what their real intentions are:**

- They destroyed the dreams of educated young Latinos ready to serve in the military or attend college when they blocked the DREAM Act in the Senate.**
- Their political operatives told Latinos “Don’t Vote” in the last election, claiming that was in their best interest.**
- They authored and pushed SB 1070 in Arizona that required racial profiling of Latinos.**
- They are proposing a law to eliminate birthright citizenship under the 14th Amendment for the children of Latino immigrants, chaining them to permanent second-class status.**
- Despite President Obama’s and Democrats’ overtures for a bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform, they blocked and rejected these efforts to fix our broken immigration system.**
- In the first month of Barack Obama’s presidency, they firmly opposed the extension of health care for millions of legal immigrant children through the SCHIP program.**

**I could go on, but you get the message—or at least Latinos do. Stay tuned.”**